THE HIGH COURT OF UTTARANCHAL AT NAINITAL.

Writ Petition (S/B) No. 220 of 2006

Harendra Singh Gahlot S/o Hira Singh,
R/o Vijay Park P.S. Kotwali, District – Dehradun.

… Petitioner.

Versus

1. Union of India through Ministry of Petroleum, New Delhi.
2. Keshava Deva Malaviya Institute of Petroleum Exploration Oil and Natural Gas Corporation Limited Dehradun through Its Director.
3. ED/Chief/Disciplinary Authority, Keshava Deva Malaviya Institute of Petroleum Exploration Oil and Natural Gas Corporation Limited Dehradun.

… Respondents.

Sri K.S. Verma learned counsel for the petitioner
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For the Central Govt. (Union of India).

Coram: Hon'ble P.C. Verma, J.
Hon'ble B.S.Verma, J.

Dated July 12, 2006.

Heard learned counsel for the rival parties.

By means of this writ petition, the petitioner has challenged the impugned suspension order dated 30-5-2006 passed by the respondent no.3 (Annexure No.2 to the writ petition).

From a perusal of the suspension order, it is evident that the petitioner is undergoing trial for criminal offences and accordingly, he has been placed under suspension in exercise of the powers conferred under sub Rule (1) (c) of Rule 33 of the ONGC Conduct, Discipline & Appeal Rules, 1994 by the Disciplinary Authority.

Since the petitioner has been suspended on account of pendency of criminal trial against him, therefore, we are not inclined to entertain the writ petition.

The writ petition is devoid of merit and must fail.

The writ petition is dismissed with no order as to costs.

(B.S. Verma, J.) **(P.C. Verma, J.)**

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